intravascularly,or subcutaneously, intraperitonealy, by topical drops or ointment, periocular injection, systemically by intravenous injection or orally, intracamerally into the anterior chamber or vitreous, via a depot attached to the intraocular lens implant inserted during surgery, or via a depot placed in the eye sutured in the anterior chamber or vitreous.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the subject Application. Applicant has amended Claim 1 to delete the word "antagonizes" which appeared twice and Claims 16 and 17 to correct the dependency and a typographical error.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the subject. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made".

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserted that restriction of the claimed invention to one of the 24 suggested groups is required under 35 U.S.C. §121.

In response, Applicant elect with traverse Group V, which is directed to anti-TNFα antibody. The following claims are readable on the elected group: 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 and 17. Claim 1 being general method for treating a subject with glaucoma comprising administration of an agent which antagonizes, inhibits, reduces, suppresses, and/or limits the release, synthesis or production of TNFα.

Traversal is made for the following reasons: The subject matter of the other groups may be searched together with the subject matter of anti-TNFα antibody group and hence would not be a burdensome search for the Examiner.

Lastly, in accordance with this restriction with traverse, Applicants reserve all rights in the claims that include all the groups to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

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1. A method for treating a subject with glaucoma comprising the steps of administrating a compound or composition containing an agent or molecule, which antagonizes, inhibits, inactivates, reduces, suppresses, [antagonizes], and/or limits the release, synthesis, or production from cells of TNF-α thereby treating the subject with glaucoma.

16. The method of claim 1, wherein said [A pharmaceutical composition comprising the] compound or composition [of Claim 1 and] further comprises a diluent and suitable carrier.

17. The method of claim 1, wherein the compound or composition is administered ocularly, parenterally, transmucosally, transdermally, intramuscularly, intravenously, intradermally, intravascularly,or subcutaneously, [intraperitonealytopical] intraperitonealy, by topical drops or ointment, periocular injection, systemically by intravenous injection or orally, intracamerally into the anterior chamber or vitreous, via a depot attached to the intraocular lens implant inserted during surgery, or via a depot placed in the eye sutured in the anterior chamber or vitreous.